

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0658A  
Keiji ICHO et al. : **Confirmation No. 2808**  
Serial No. 10/578,433 : Group Art Unit 2423  
Filed May 5, 2006 : Examiner Carmine Malangone  
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RECOMMENDATION APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO/SB/08 FORMS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Applicants note that the Examiner has not returned the PTO/SB/08 form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 16, 2009. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confirm that the references listed on the PTO/SB/08 form have been considered by providing the Applicants with an initialed and signed copy of the form.

Also, the Applicants note that while the Examiner has returned the PTO/SB/08 form that was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 20, 2008, the Examiner did not initial the Supplementary European Search Report listed thereon (i.e., document "CA"). Accordingly, the Applicants kindly request that the Examiner provide the Applicants with a new copy of the PTO/SB/08 form confirming that the above-noted reference has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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